

STIPULICIDA IN GRAY'S MANUAL RANGE — Pine barrens on white sands along the Blackwater River in Isle of Wight, Nansemond, and Southampton counties of Virginia yielded many species which were then new to the Manual Range when Professor M. L. Fernald and his colleagues collected in this region more than twenty years ago. Dr. Henry K. Svenson and the writer were working on the distribution of some of these species which extend into Virginia from the south when we discovered an area in the southwestern corner of Isle of Wight County where Fernald apparently had not collected. Here is an oak-pine "barren" with turkey oak and loblolly pine the dominant trees and understories of ericaceous shrubs, creeping blueberry, *Vaccinium crassifolium*, and *Pyxidantha barbata*.

Dr. Svenson discovered a low, annual member of the Caryophyllaceae to be common in open areas of white sand and the plant was previously unknown to him and the writer. It is *Stipulicida setacea* Michaux and is now known from Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, and Mississippi. The genus is endemic to the southern coastal plain and has a second species ranging from Florida to Mississippi.

Some associates of the *Stipulicida* in Virginia are *Gaylussacia baccata*, *Vaccinium elliotii*, *V. tenellum*, and *V. vacillans*. Where turkey oak stands are dense, understories include *Kalmia angustifolia*, *Pyxidantha*, and *Vaccinium crassifolium*, but *Stipulicida* is absent.

Specimens of the *Stipulicida*, *Svenson and Harvill 13932*, will be deposited in the Gray Herbarium and the herbaria of Longwood College, University of North Carolina, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute. The number belongs to the junior collector's series.

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